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## SHEEP, LAMB, AND GOAT INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2020

### ARIZONA

The January 1, 2020 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Arizona totaled 105,000 head, down 9 percent from January 1, 2019, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 7 percent from last year to 80,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 14 percent to 25,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased 11 percent to 17,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 5 percent from last year to 60,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 3,000 head, is down 1,000 head from last year. Of the 25,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 5,000 head were market sheep and 20,000 head were market lambs. There were 8,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 3,000 head from a year earlier; 2,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, unchanged from the previous year; 4,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 5,000 head last year; and 6,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 7,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2019. The 2019 lamb crop, at 35,000 head, was down 20 percent from the 2018 lamb crop. Wool production in Arizona during 2019 totaled 470,000 pounds, down 18 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 67,000 head, was down 19 percent from 83,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2019 totaled \$517,000, and was down 24 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.10 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.20 per pound the previous year.

Angora goat inventory was down 22 percent from last year to 21,000 head. Meat and other goats accounted for 33,000 head on January 1, 2020, unchanged from last year. Mohair production in Arizona totaled 95,000 pounds, down 24 percent from the previous year. The number of angora goats clipped at 21,000 head, was down 25 percent from last year. The value of mohair production for 2019 totaled \$124,000, and was down 24 percent from the previous year as producers received \$1.30 per pound of mohair sold compared to \$1.30 the previous year.

### COLORADO

The January 1, 2020 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Colorado totaled 425,000 head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2019, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs increased by 5 percent from last year to 195,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 2 percent to 230,000 head. The number of replacement lambs increased 17 percent to 34,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older increased 4 percent from last year to 156,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 5,000 head, is down 1,000 head from last year. Of the 230,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 3,000 head were market sheep and 227,000 head were market lambs. There were 3,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 2,000 head from a year earlier; 19,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 1,000 head from the previous year; 45,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 60,000 head last year; and 160,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 148,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2019. The 2019 lamb crop, at 185,000 head, was unchanged from the 2018 lamb crop. Wool production in Colorado during 2019 totaled 2.35 million pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 335,000 head, was up 6 percent from 315,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2019 totaled \$6.11 million, and was up 32 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$2.60 per pound of wool sold compared with \$2.10 per pound the previous year.

Meat and other goats accounted for 23,000 head on January 1, 2020, compared with 24,000 head last year and milk goats totaled 9,500 head, compared with 10,000 head a year ago.

### MONTANA

The January 1, 2020 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Montana totaled 200,000 head, down 7 percent from January 1, 2019, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 7 percent from last year to 171,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 9 percent to 29,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased 6 percent to 34,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 7 percent from last year to 131,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 6,000 head, is unchanged from last year. Of the 29,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 27,000 head were market lambs. There were 3,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, up 1,000 head from a year earlier; 4,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 4,000 head from the previous year; 16,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 13,000 head last year; and 4,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 7,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2019. The 2019 lamb crop, at 172,000 head, was down 4 percent from the 2018 lamb crop. Wool production in Montana during 2019 totaled 1.51 million pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 170,000 head, was down 6 percent from 180,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2019 totaled \$3.78 million, and was down 6 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$2.50 per pound of wool sold compared with \$2.50 per pound the previous year.

### NEW MEXICO

The January 1, 2020 inventory of all sheep and lambs in New Mexico totaled 95,000 head, down 5 percent from January 1, 2019, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 2 percent from last year to 79,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 16 percent to 16,000 head. The number of replacement lambs increased 20 percent to 18,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 7 percent from last year to 57,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older,

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at 4,000 head, is down 1,000 head from last year. Of the 16,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 3,000 head were market sheep and 13,000 head were market lambs. There were 3,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 2,000 head from a year earlier; 3,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 3,000 head from the previous year; 4,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 4,000 head last year; and 3,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 2,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2019. The 2019 lamb crop, at 41,000 head, was down 15 percent from the 2018 lamb crop. Wool production in New Mexico during 2019 totaled 610,000 pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 80,000 head, was down 2 percent from 82,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2019 totaled \$1.28 million, and was down 2 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$2.10 per pound of wool sold compared with \$2.10 per pound the previous year.

Angora goat inventory was unchanged from last year at 9,000 head. Mohair production in New Mexico totaled 25,000 pounds, down 17 percent from the previous year. The number of angora goats clipped at 7,000 head, was unchanged from last year. The value of mohair production for 2019 totaled \$33,000, and was down 31 percent from the previous year as producers received \$1.30 per pound of mohair sold compared to \$1.60 the previous year.

**UTAH**

The January 1, 2020 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Utah totaled 285,000 head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2019, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 8 percent from last year to 240,000 head while market sheep and lambs increased by 50 percent to 45,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased 7 percent to 38,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 7 percent from last year to 195,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 7,000 head, is down 2,000 head from last year. Of the 45,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 4,000 head were market sheep and 41,000 head were market lambs. There were 1,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 1,000 head from a year earlier; 2,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, unchanged from the previous year; 14,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 11,000 head last year; and 24,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 13,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2019. The 2019 lamb crop, at 230,000 head, was down 2 percent from the 2018 lamb crop. Wool production in Utah during 2019 totaled 2.14 million pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 240,000 head, was down 2 percent from 245,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2019 totaled \$4.49 million, and was up 1 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$2.10 per pound of wool sold compared with \$2.00 per pound the previous year.

**WYOMING**

The January 1, 2020 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Wyoming totaled 340,000 head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2019, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs was unchanged from last year at 265,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 12 percent to 75,000 head. The number of replacement lambs was unchanged at 43,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older was unchanged from last year at 215,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 7,000 head, is unchanged from last year. Of the 75,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 73,000 head were market lambs. There were 4,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, up 3,000 head from a year earlier; 7,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 5,000 head from the previous year; 25,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 32,000 head last year; and 37,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 38,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2019. The 2019 lamb crop, at 225,000 head, was down 6 percent from the 2018 lamb crop. Wool production in Wyoming during 2019 totaled 2.20 million pounds, down 8 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 250,000 head, was down 12 percent from 285,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2019 totaled \$5.94 million, and was down 1 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$2.70 per pound of wool sold compared with \$2.50 per pound the previous year.

**UNITED STATES**

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2020 totaled 5.20 million head, down 1 percent from 2019. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.81 million head on January 1, 2020, decreased slightly from 3.82 million head on January 1, 2019. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.98 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2020 totaled 1.39 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2019. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory. The 2019 lamb crop of 3.23 million head was down slightly from 2018. The 2019 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2019, up 1 percent from 2018. Shorn wool production in the United States during 2019 was 24.0 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2018. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.32 million head, down 2 percent from 2018. The average price paid for wool sold in 2019 was \$1.89 per pound for a total value of 45.4 million dollars, up 6 percent from 42.8 million dollars in 2018. Sheep death loss during 2019 totaled 219 thousand head, up 1 percent from 2018. Lamb death loss was unchanged from last year at 388 thousand head.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2020 totaled 2.66 million head, up 1 percent from 2019. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.18 million head, up 2 percent from 2019. Does one year old and older, at 1.62 million head, were up 2 percent from last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 478 thousand head, up 1 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2019 totaled 1.64 million head for all goats, up slightly from 2018. Meat and other goats totaled 2.09 million head on January 1, 2020, up 2 percent from 2019. Milk goat inventory was 440 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2019, while Angora goats were down 5 percent, totaling 130 thousand head. Mohair production in the United States during 2019 was 730 thousand pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 127 thousand head. Average weight per clip was 5.7 pounds. Mohair price was \$6.37 per pound with a value of 4.65 million dollars.

All sheep and goats inventory and lamb and kid crop estimates for January 1, 2019, were reviewed using official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. No revisions were made to sheep and lambs inventory and no change was made to the lamb crop. No revisions were made to goats and kids inventory. A revision of less than 1 percent was made to the kid crop at the United States level.

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